

## Senate Resolution 547

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Thomas of the 2nd, Chapman of the 3rd, Chance of the 16th, Douglas of the 17th and others

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending John W. Harris III for serving the General Assembly notably  
2 with 20 years of perfect attendance; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, John W. Harris III has never missed a day of work in his 20 years of service as  
4 a member of the custodial staff at the Georgia General Assembly; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he is lovingly regarded around the Georgia State Capitol as a reliable friend  
6 who can always be counted on for a warm smile and a helping hand; and
- 7 WHEREAS, John, an Atlanta native, started working various jobs from the age of 12 to help  
8 put his eight siblings through school, and he was the sole caregiver of his elderly mother who  
9 lived with him until her passing in 2004; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he was a young entrepreneur, opening his first business at the age of 24 in the  
11 Summerhill community of Atlanta, where he was credited with helping to bring a positive  
12 resolution to a racial conflict involving a neighborhood business owner; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he served his community extensively in a number of leadership roles, including  
14 volunteering as a commissioner of the Atlanta Amateur Football League, where he helped  
15 local Atlanta youth; and
- 16 WHEREAS, John has proven himself to be a rare type of individual, one possessed of an  
17 extraordinary dedication, who, through sickness and on as many rainy days as in fair  
18 weather, put the interests of his family, coworkers, and neighbors before his own.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
20 join in recognizing the inspirational service of John W. Harris III, commending his 20 years  
21 of perfect attendance at the Georgia General Assembly, and in extending to him the best of  
22 wishes for a golden tomorrow.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to John W. Harris III.